

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fourcade	§ Atty. Dkt. No.: F-876
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For: Peelable Polyethylene Films	§ Cust. No.: 25264
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	§ Examiner: J.S. Lenihan
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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir

Applicants present herewith the claims which have been corrected in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicants request entry of this Response to place the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The pending claims are set forth below:

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A composition of matter comprising a homogenous blend of from 10-90 wt. % of a metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer and from 10-90 wt. % of a styrene-butadiene block copolymer having from 5-40 wt. % of 1,3-butadiene monomer units and from 60-95 wt. % styrene monomer units, wherein either the metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer or the styrene-butadiene block copolymer are present in the composition in an amount of at least greater than 50 wt.%, wherein the composition is formed in the configuration of a peelable film.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein said composition contains at least 40 wt. % of said styrene-butadiene block copolymer.

10. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 9 wherein said composition contains at least 40 wt. % of said metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer.

11. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein said metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer is a copolymer of ethylene with a comonomer selected from the group consisting of propylene, 1-butene, 1-hexene, -1-octene and 4-methyl-1-pentene.

12. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 11 wherein said comonomer is 1-hexene.

13. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein said styrene-butadiene block copolymer comprises 1,3-butadiene monomer units in an amount within the range of 15-30 wt. % and styrene monomer units in an amount within the range of 70-85 wt. %.

14. (Previously Presented) A homogenous blend according to claim 13 wherein the styrene-butadiene block copolymers have a transmittance of 91% and a haze of 3% when both are measured according to ASTM D 1003.

15. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein said metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer is produced by the polymerization of ethylene in the presence of a catalyst system comprising a bridged metallocene catalyst component.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8, wherein the composition is adapted for the packaging of a food product to provide a closure for a container.

18. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 17 wherein said film is sufficiently transparent to permit a viewing of a food product disposed within said container.

19. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 17 wherein said container is made of polystyrene.

20. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 19 wherein said film contains greater than 50 wt.% of said styrene-butadiene block copolymer.

21. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 17 wherein said container is formed of polypropylene.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 21 wherein said film

contains said metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer in an amount of greater than 50 wt. %.

24. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 18 wherein the styrene-butadiene block copolymer has a transmittance of 91% and a haze of 3% when both are measured according to ASTM D 1003.

25. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 24 wherein said styrene-butadiene copolymer has a haze of no more than 2% when measured according to ASTM D 1003.

26. (Previously Presented) A process for producing a peelable film comprising:
(a) preparing a homogeneous blend containing from 10-90 wt. % of a metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer and from 10-90 wt. % of a styrene-butadiene block copolymer having from 5-40 wt. % of 1,3-butadiene monomer units and from 60-95 wt. % styrene monomer units, wherein either the metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer or the styrene-butadiene block copolymer are present in the blend in an amount of greater than 50 wt.%; and
(b) conforming said blend in the configuration of a peelable film.

27. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26 wherein said film is prepared by casting, blowing or extruding said homogenous blend in the form of a film.

28. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8, wherein the metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer and the styrene-butadiene block copolymer are present in the composition in an amount of 50 wt.%.

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Claim 8 has been amended in compliance with 27 CFR 1.121(c).

CONCLUSION

No additional fees are believed to be due at this time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that has been overlooked or to credit any refund to Deposit Account No. 10-0096.

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